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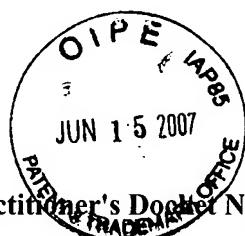
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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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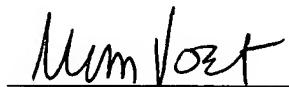
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STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required as the response is timely for the issuance of an Advisory Action on account of being filed within two months of the April 13, 2007 mailing date of the Final Office Action. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS			
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 28	MINUS 75	= 0	x \$ 50.00 = \$ 0.00
INDEP 1	MINUS 9	= 0	x \$ 200.00 = \$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$ 0.00 = \$ 0.00
			TOTAL \$ 0.00 ADDIT. FEE

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FEE DEFICIENCY

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER OFFICE ACTION DEEMED TO BE A FINAL ACTION.

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of April 13, 2007. The response requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the designation of the most recent Action as a Final action and addresses each and every issue that was raised in the Action. This Response is believed to be timely for the issuance of an Advisory Action on account of being filed within two months of the mailing date of the most recent Action.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification**.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.